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Mexico Publishes First Request for a NAFTA Panel Review on the Preliminary Resolution Concluding the Antidumping Investigation on U.S. Pork Legs

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Report Highlights:

The Mexican government announced its request for a NAFTA panel review on the resolution of the antidumping case alleging dumping of U.S. pork legs. The request was filed by the Secretariat of Economy at the request of the Mexican Pork Council (CMP) against importers and exporters of U.S. pork legs classified under tariff codes 0203.12.01 and 0203.22.01. In December 2005 Mexico announced that there was not sufficient evidence to impose compensatory duties.

Includes PSD Changes: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes an official notice published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on February 8, 2006.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

Background: The Secretariat of Economy (SE) announced on May 31, 2004, in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" ("Federal Register"), the initiation of an official antidumping investigation against U.S. pork legs classified in tariff codes 0203.12.01 and 0203.22.01. The investigation was self-initiated by SE after terminating a broader investigation of pork products. While permitted to do so under Mexican law, SE did not include the immediate imposition of countervailing duties in its announcement. At issue was U.S. production and market prices for pork legs. SE concluded that no price discrimination margins were found for the period investigated, and that it was not possible to quantify objectively the damage or threat of damage to the domestic industry alleged by the petitioner. Therefore, the investigative procedure for determining price discrimination was concluded and no compensatory duties were applied (see MX6005).

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: SE announced on February 8, 2006, in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" ("Federal Register"), the initiation of the first request for a NAFTA panel review on the resolution of the investigation of dumping charges. The request was filed by the Secretariat of Economy at the request of the Mexican Pork Council (CMP) against importers and exporters of U.S. pork legs classified under tariff codes 0203.12.01 and 0203.22.01.

All interested parties, domestic producers, importers and exporters, individuals and companies who have a legal interest in the results of this review will have 45 business days from the day following publication of the announcement to provide comments and pertinent information to:

Dr. Rafael Serrano Figueroa
General Secretary
Mexican Section of the
General Secretariat of Free Trade Agreements
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Title: Announcement Related to the First Request for Review of the Preliminary Resolution of the investigation of antidumping charges filed by the Secretariat of Economy on behalf of the Mexican Pork Council (CMP) against importers and exporters of U.S. pork legs classified in tariff codes 0203.12.01 and 0203.22.01.

Products Affected: U.S. pork legs under tariff codes 0203.12.01 and 0203.22.01 of the General Law of Import Tariffs, sourced from the United States of America, independent of the country of origin.

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